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Measures to be taken against neo-Nazi activities and any ideologies and practices based on racial or ethnic discrimination or superiority

The General Assembly,

Recalling that the United Nations emerged from the struggle against nazism, fascism, aggression and foreign occupation, and that the people expressed their resolve in the Charter of the United Nations to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war,

Aware of the determination proclaimed by the peoples of the world in the Charter of the United Nations to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small and to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

Convinced that any doctrine of superiority based on racial differentiation is scientifically false, morally condemnable, socially unjust and dangerous, and that there is no justification for racial discrimination, in theory or in practice, anywhere,

Convinced also that the best bulwark against any ideologies and practices based on racial or ethnic discrimination or superiority, including neo-Nazism, is the establishment and maintenance of an environment, both at the national and international levels, which helps to prevent the formation or development of doctrines of racial or ethnic discrimination or superiority and makes it impossible for them to exist,

Noting with appreciation the efforts undertaken by different regional organizations against neo-Nazi activities and any ideologies and practices based on racial or ethnic discrimination or superiority,

Noting with regret that in the contemporary world there continue to exist various manifestations of neo-Nazi activities, as well as other ideologies and

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practices based on racial or ethnic discrimination or superiority, which entail contempt for the individual or a denial of the intrinsic dignity and equality of all human beings and of equality of opportunity in the civil, political, economic and social and cultural spheres and in social justice,

Deeply alarmed at the recent intensification of activities of neo-Nazi groups and organizations,

Noting with concern the widening use by such groups and organizations of the opportunities provided by scientific and technological progress, including the Internet global computer network,

Expressing its serious concern at the rise of doctrines based on racial or ethnic discrimination or superiority and at the growing coordination of their activities in societies at large,

Recalling its resolutions 2331 (XXII) of 18 December 1967, 2545 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, 35/200 of 15 December 1980, 36/162 of 16 December 1981, 37/179 of 17 December 1982, 38/99 of 16 December 1983, 39/114 of 14 December 1984, 41/160 of 4 December 1986 and 43/150 of 8 December 1988,

Recalling also Commission on Human Rights resolutions 1983/28 of 7 March 1983,[1] 1984/42 of 12 March 1984,[2] 1985/31 of 13 March 1985,[3] 1986/61 of 13 March 1986,[4] 1988/63 of 10 March 1988[5] and 1990/46 of 6 March 1990,[6]

Taking into consideration the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance,[7]

Welcoming the convening of the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance,

1. *Again resolutely condemns* neo-Nazism and any ideologies and practices based on racial or ethnic discrimination or superiority which entail abuse of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

2. *Expresses its determination* to resist neo-Nazism and any doctrines based on racial or ethnic discrimination or superiority, and especially their practices that can undermine the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms and of equality of opportunity;

3. *Affirms* that all States have the obligation to take all available means to combat neo-Nazi and other activities and practices based on racial or ethnic discrimination or superiority;

4. *Calls upon* all Governments to promote and encourage, especially among the young, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, as well as to

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[1] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1983, Supplement No. 3* (E/1983/13), chap. XXVII.A.

[2] Ibid., *1984, Supplement No. 4* (E/1984/14), chap. II.A.

[3] Ibid., *1985, Supplement No. 2* (E/1985/22), chap. II.A.

[4] Ibid., *1986, Supplement No. 2* (E/1986/22), chap. II.A.

[5] Ibid., *1988, Supplement No. 2* (E/1988/12), chap. II.A.

[6] Ibid., *1990, Supplement No. 2* (E/1990/22), chap. II.A.

[7] A/55/304, annex.

promote awareness of and to fight against neo-Nazism and any ideologies and practices based on racial or ethnic discrimination or superiority;

5. *Urges* all States to consider the adoption, as a matter of high priority, of appropriate measures to eradicate activities and any dissemination of ideas based on racial or ethnic discrimination or superiority, including neo-Nazism and any ideologies and practices based on racial or ethnic discrimination or superiority, consistent with their national legal systems and in accordance with the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,[8] the International Covenants on Human Rights[9] and especially the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;[10]

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in his report to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance information on the measures undertaken by Member States against neo-Nazi activities and other ideologies and practices based on racial or ethnic intolerance or discrimination, hatred and terror.

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[8] Resolution 217 A (III).
[9] Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.
[10] Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.